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1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES YOUR INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH UNDER SECRETARY NAGY. WE BELIEVE THAT EVENTS OF LAST YEAR, SUCH AS VISITS OF DEPUTY PRIMIN VALYI AND SECRETARY DENT, SIGNATURE OF CLAIMS CONVENTION AND RAISING PERSONNEL CEILINGS, SHOW CONTINUED MOVEMENT IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER PROGRESS DURING 1974. WE VIEW MAJOR COOPERATION PROJECTS LIST PRESENTED TO SECRETARY DENT AS GOOD AUGURY US-HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT MENTION THAT GREATER SPECIFICITY IN TERMS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS WOULD ENHANCE THAT DOCUMENT'S VALUE

FOR COMMERCE BRIEFING OF INTERESTED BUSINESSMEN.

2. HUNGARY'S PERFORMANCE IN ICCS OF COURSE REMAINS POINT OF CONTENTION. AS AMBASSADOR HAS MADE CLEAR TO GOH ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO OBJECTIVE FULFILLMENT OF HUNGARY'S ROLE THERE. LACK OF GOH SUPPORT ON HELICOPTER SHOOTING DOWN INVESTIGATION, AND GOH-PRG COMMUNIQUE, ARE CURRENT EXAMPLES OF HUNGARIAN BIAS IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST SOME CAUTION IN REFERRING TO POLISH-PRG COMMUNIQUE (REF B) LEST GOH ASSUME WE CONTENT WITH THIS ALSO FAR FROM SATISFACTORY DOCUMENT.

3. ON ME, NAGY MAY BE TOLD THAT WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE TALKING TOGETHER AT GENEVA. THE ISSUES ARE HOWEVER HIGHLY COMPLEX, AND A PEACEFUL, LASTING SOLUTION WILL NOT BE EASILY ARRIVED AT. FURTHER, WE VIEW DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES IN OIL SUPPLY AS INCREASINGLY INAPPROPRIATE WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS ENGAGING ITSELF IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE ME. YOU MAY ALSO WISH DRAW ON STATEMENTS ON ME IN SECRETARY'S DEC. 27 AND JAN. 3 PRESS CONFERENCES.

4. ON MFN ADMINISTRATION POSITION REMAINS FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF PASSAGE TRADE REFORM ACT INCLUDING AUTHORITY THAT WOULD PERMIT THE PRESIDENT TO EXTEND MFN TREATMENT. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY WITHIN THE CONGRESS, BUT AT THE MOMENT OUTCOME OF SENATE DELIBERATIONS UNCERTAIN.

5. ON CSCE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN NAGY'S VIEWS OF PROBABLE TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF STAGE TWO TALKS IN GENEVA, AND IN HIS EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE FREER MOVEMENT ISSUE. KISSINGER

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